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for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

11. (C) Acting PolCouns delivered reftel demarche to Ambassador Talal Berri from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on October 30. Ambassador Berri remarked that although he cannot immediately confirm the Foreign Minister's acceptance of this invitation, he is optimistic that Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal will accept. He noted that the Foreign Minister is always "happy" to participate in meetings that help countries in the region. Ambassador Berri also noted that the French foreign ministry had already delivered a similar demarche, it was currently being positively considered by the Foreign Minister, and the SAG is pleased that so many important players are working towards the same goals.
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